

Poipoia te kākano kia puawai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive* 

## NEWSLETTER TWO, TERM THREE

# Friday 25th July 2025

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#### MAURI, KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Winter has certainly arrived and the tamariki are enjoying playing in the frost when they arrive at school in the morning. We are noticing that there's a lot of illness around at the moment. If your tamariki are ill, please keep them at home and notify the office.



We welcome Halo who joins her sister at school this term.

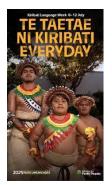
#### WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

#### Week 3

- Vanuatu language week
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Parent / Teacher Conferences beginning at 3.15pm
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Parent / Teacher Conferences beginning at 2.15pm

#### Week 4

- Cook Islands language week
- Tuesday 5 August: Fetu o le Moana Te Papa trip TBC



# Kiribati Language Week

This week we have been celebrating Kiribati Language Week with a range of activities to help everyone learn more about the Kiribati culture.



The 2025 theme for Kiribati Language Week is 'Maiuakinan te katei ri nanon te tangira ma te ikarinerine bon wantongan te mwenga ibukin te rikirake - Living our valued cultural practices through love and respect upholds our dignity and growth for a successful future'.

#### FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Kia ora koutou,

Are you interested in joining our School Board? If so, get in touch as we need parents to fill our 5 parent representative spots on our board. School Board elections are coming up fast. You can find out more about these elections by watching this video



(this is also on our Facebook page) and having a read of the information here:

https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/become-a-board.../

If you have any questions please reach out to myself, our Principal Dave Lamont, Mr G (Craig Gilmour), or one of our other Board members Amber Pacheco Renee Madsen Chris Blazkow Kris Dando .

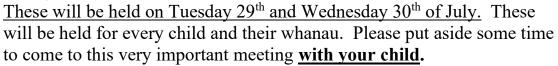
# NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 12PM NEXT WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Ngā mihi

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#### PARENT AND TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent and teacher conferences are planned to discuss tamariki, their learning and how they are managing themselves now that we are halfway through the year.





To make a booking click on this link <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/">https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/</a> and enter the event code <a href="grh7a">grh7a</a>. Follow the steps shown to make a booking.

If you have trouble making a booking please contact the school office.

#### ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for the first two weeks of Term 2 against the Ministry of Education headings. It makes such a positive difference to learning and friendships if tamariki are at school every day.

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	<b>53% of students</b> attended school 9/10 days a
		fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	<b>18% of students</b> attended school 8/10 days a
		fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	<b>8% of students</b> attended school 7/10 days a
		fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	21% of students attended school less than
		7/10 days a fortnight

For tamariki who have been chronically absent they will miss 2 ½ weeks of school each term if they continue with this pattern of attendance.

If your child can be at school, please get them here. If you need help of any type, please reach out and ask. We are here to help.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos are planned for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Order envelopes will be sent out before this date for photos to be ordered.



#### AWESOME KORAU KIDS

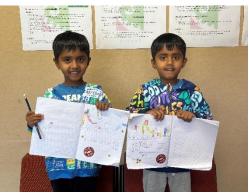
It has been fantastic to have many of our clever tamariki bringing their writing to share with me over the first 2 weeks of this term.













# DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

On Friday 29th August, we will be supporting Daffodil Day - a special day to raise awareness and funds for the Cancer **Society**, who provide vital support for those affected by cancer and help fund life-saving research. This is a chance for our tamariki to give back and show aroha to others in our wider community.





#### \* WEAR YELLOW!

We encourage everyone to wear yellow to school to show their support and brighten up our kura!

#### 🏃 💃 MOVING FOR A CAUSE – from 10.30am

After morning tea at 10.30am, tamariki will be taking part in our sponsored walk/run/skip/dance around the scooter track.

- Year 1–2 students will be moving for 30 minutes from 10.45-11.15
- Year 3–6 students will be moving for 1 hour from 11.30-12.30

We invite whānau and supporters to donate directly through our school's fundraising page:

ttps://daffodilday.org.nz/t/koraunui-school

### YEAR 6 RUNATHON

Our Year 6's will be doing their Runathon during this time. Instead of raising funds for Daffodil Day the Year 6's will be using their sponsor sheet to raise money for Year 6 Camp.

#### TAITA COLLEGE COACHING SESSIONS

This week our tamariki had the first of their lunchtime coaching sessions with Year 10 tamariki from Taita College. It was great to see so many of our tamariki choosing to take part in the activities and making the most of this opportunity. It was really good to catch up with some of our former students who were part of the Taita College Year 10 group.



#### AVALON INTERMEDIATE PERFORMANCE GROUP

Last Friday, Avalon Intermediate School brought their performance group to perform for our senior tamariki and share some information about their school. They put on a fantastic performance which was impressive to watch. It was great to see some of our former students taking on leadership roles and performing with the group.





#### **TOYS**

We ask that parents please remind their children that they are not to bring their toys to school. Toys coming to school can cause unneeded disruption both in class and in the playground. The only time it will be okay for toys to come to school will be if your child's teacher informs you this is okay.



#### SCHOOL INVOICES

Invoices were sent home last week. Thank you to all families who make regular payments



and who contact us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that outstanding debts are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear amounts owing as soon as possible.

If invoices go unpaid, even the \$5.00 that we ask for stationery and tissues, we will find it difficult to continue providing stationery, entering sports teams and providing KCC and 2 PM Club.

#### 50 Cent Stalls



50 cent stalls are run by our Year 6 students as a part of their camp fundraising This will be every Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.



#### SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our school facebook group and website.



#### KIDSCAN JACKETS

Last term all tamariki were given a named KIDSCAN jacket that could be used on wet and cold days, especially coming to and from school. Now is the perfect time for these jackets to be used.



All children will need to be booked into 2PM Club by clicking here Every Wednesday and Friday we run 2pm Club between 2.00-3.00pm for children whose parents book them in for this service. The cost of 2pm Club is \$2.00/session. This is to cover the cost of supervision during these times. If your child is not coming to 2pm you need to contact the office for that specific day. If your child is on the casual list and are attending you also need to let the office know for that day.



#### BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, event or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she will show you how it works.

Some families have set up a regular bank credit to do the same thing. If you wish to do this, the lovely office ladies will help with this. Our account is Koraunui School Board of Trustees 12 3478-0015483-00

#### CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies. If any details have changed for you, please contact the office and let them know.



Ngā mihi,

#### AVALON INTERMEDIATE OPEN EVENING

# AVALON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

# 2026 ENROLMENTS OPEN!









Join us at our Open Evening on Thursday 7 August, 6:00 pm to learn more about what makes Avalon Intermediate such a great place to learn!

For more information or to enrol online, check out our website or get in touch.

www.avalonintermediate.school.nz

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#### **TUI GLEN OPEN DAY**

